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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT OF SLOVENIA MEETS WITH CONSULAR CORPS

1. PRESIDENT OF SLOVENIA SERGEJ KRAJGER MET WITH THE ASSEMBLED CONSULAR CORPS IN LJUBLJANA, FEBRUARY 7, 1975. SPEAKING EXTEMPORANEOUSLY, KRAJGER EMPHASIZED THAT TITO'S YUGOSLAVIA WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO ITS OWN BRAND OF SOCIALISM AND TO ITS NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN POLICY. HE DECLARED THAT YUGOSLAVIA IS STRONG AND STABLE "AS YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELVES" AND HOPED THE CONSULAR CORPS OFFICIALS WERE REPORTING THIS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS.

2. IN A SUBSEQUENT PRIVATE CONVERSATION, KRAJGER SAID HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE CONTINUING DOUBTS ABROAD ABOUT THE STABILITY AND DURABILITY OF POST-TITO YUGOSLAVIA. "THE FACT IS," HE STATED, "WE ARE ALREADY IN THE POST-TITO YUGOSLAVIA; THE COUNTRY IS IN THE HANDS OF THE POST-TITO GENERATION OF LEADERS."

3. COMMENT: THE DETERMINATION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO MAINTAIN ITS INDEPENDENCE AND ITS TERRITORY'S INTEGRITY WAS KRAJGER'S CLEAR POLITICAL MESSAGE. TO UNDERLINE THE POINT, THE ANNUAL MEETING BETWEEN THE SLOVENIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS AND THE CONSULAR CORPS WAS TIME TO COINCIDE WITH FESTIVITIES HONORING THE EARLY 19TH
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